

We all knew that Mr Dowd feared being drawn into the case as a witness, and the men used to talk about it at times which got on his nerve.

One night one of my Salesmen Willard G. Deinzer met a number of Reporters down town, and he gave them the tip to get after Dowd, the next day there was quite a crowd up there to interview him, he got scared and would not talk. After they left he called up the N.Y. Central Office at 120 Broadway and asked Mr H.G. Black the district Auditor about the case. I don't know just what the conversation was, but from what I could learn at the time, was led to believe it best to keep quiet. Another person who was employed at the New Brunswick Branch at the time is Jas D. Phyfe, now Branch House Manager Armour & Co, Newburgh N.Y. At the time he felt as we all did, that Mr Dowd if he would only open up, could shatter Mrs Gibsons story of night riding at the time of the Hall-Mills murder. I feel I have covered this incident pretty well, of course I do not recollect the dates, but I remember very clearly the two conversations I had with Mrs Gibson, also how scared our Cashier was when the Reporters came up to interview him. Might add for your information, that this Cashier and I did not pull very well together, his mode of handling local credits did not suit me, and we had some friction, as he was not a square shooter. Miss Shifner I believe is a young lady who is straight as they make them, and I don't feel one who would be afraid to talk, except that she would dislike any publicity, so far as Deinzer and Phyfe are concerned, I don't believe it would be any trouble whatever to secure a statement from them, along the same lines as I have made regarding Mrs Gibsons illness as reported to us by her Nurse. Mr Dowd is a very devout Catholic, and if he could be made to see his duty in the proper light, I feel sure he could give you full particulars. The writer has hesitated to mention this, due to possible publicity, which I have never craved for, but as I have thought this case over I have felt it more and more my duty to speak out,

I was tempted to go and see Al March of New Brunswick, when I was down home the last time, but hesitated doing so. Our relations were most friendly while we lived at New Brunswick, and if you have any doubt about me, you are at liberty to ask Mr March if he knows me, and is he ever found me the kind that want to get in the lime light. As to my reasons for mentioning this incident to my Father, you can understand how matters drift when we get to talking, naturally we mentioned the case while we were residents of New Brunswick, N.J. and that drifted to the Hall Mills case, and as we talked I spoke of my experience with Mrs Gibson. After hearing of my experience, Father said if I could help, and felt that persons not guilty were being injured thru Mrs Gibsons talk, it was my duty to tell what I knew, and he said that you were interested in the case, and he felt he should tell you, to which I said all right. But I do not want any publicity out of this, if it can possibly be avoided. If there are any points that I have not made clear to you, I shall be pleased to give you all the information I possibly can, and I wish to assure you that I do not feel you are in any way obligated to me, for what I have said.

Yours Truly,

